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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Elvis O. Price  
Group Art Unit : 1621  
Applicants : Roger D. Tung, et al.  
Application No. : 10/786,997 Confirmation No. : 9030  
Filed : February 24, 2004  
For : NOVEL SULFONAMIDE INHIBITORS OF  
ASPARTYL PROTEASE

New York, New York 10020  
June 20, 2006

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the December 20, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying for a period of three months up to and including June 20, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.